

**WELCOME!**

**Thank you for joining our  
Zoom Webinar!**

**Employment Options and  
Working from Home with a Disability**

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# Our Company

**Employment Options Inc.** is an authorized Employment Network in the Social Security **Ticket To Work** program.

**We Provide Free Work At Home and Onsite job placement services for job seekers:**

- Who receive SSDI or SSI (non-retirement) benefits
- Ages 18-64
- Across 48 states and Washington, D.C.
- Now Serving California applicants!

# INTRODUCING OUR SPEAKER

## **Lisa Seeley - Senior Employment Counselor**

Lisa has over 12 years of providing job counseling, accommodations assistance, placement, and follow-up for persons with disabilities.



Lisa is also a Social Security Administration Ticket to Work Program Success Story!

# Today's Agenda

- Who is My Employment Options? (MEO)
- What Do We Do For Job Seekers on SSDI/SSI?
- Why Choose Us As Your Employment Network?
- Free Services That We Provide
- Work At Home Job Examples
- Path to Financial Independence

# Working From Home

Who is My Employment Options?



# Work From Home Specialists

- Specialize in Placing SSI/SSDI Beneficiaries
  - In Work from Home opportunities and
  - Community Placements
- Personal Vocational Counselor Assignments
  - Assigned to counselor experienced within your field
  - Individual assessment of employment goals
- Benefits Counseling provided
- Support throughout entire Ticket to Work Program





# Specializing Screening

## Two Step Screening Process

1. Initial screening to review your work history, verify qualifications and employment goals
2. 2nd Screening reviews the Ticket to Work Program and Client/Counselor responsibilities

We need to ensure that we are able to help you achieve job and financial goals!



# Personal Vocational Counselor

## Vocational Counselor Assignment

Assigned to Counselor that best suits client goals

- Different Counselors have different specialities

### One-on-One Job Counseling

- Job Search
- Resume Writing
- Interview Coaching
- Retention Support





# Benefits Counselor

- Teresa Ellinger-Certified Partner Work incentive Coordinator (CPWIC)
- Monitors Progression Through Ticket To Work Program
  - Tracks Trial Work Period
  - Introduces Phase 2 of Ticket to Work
- Guidance with Medicare and Medicaid
- Financial Goals Established
- Assistance with SSA Letters/Forms



# Counselors Who Care and Relate

- 50% of our staff have participated in Ticket to Work
  - Including myself!
- Develop strong relationships with our stories and experience
- We are able to provide better advisement and guidance with knowledge of the program
  - I have graduated from the program
- We Practice the Personal Touch
- We Want You To Be Successful!!



# Working Rewards Program

## **We Reward Our Clients For Their Hard Work!**

- Clients can earn raffle tickets as they send in paystubs!
- Allows clients to 'Save Up' Monthly Pay Stub Contest raffle tickets and cash them in for big prizes!
- Different level of prizes depending on program level!

## **Reward Prizes Can Include:**

- Gift Cards - Up to \$250.00 (Amazon, WalMart, Paypal)
- Laptop
- ipad



# Work From Home Partners

## **MEO has multiple Work from Home employer partnerships!**

- Gets you to the head of the line
- Able to receive fast personalized feedback/support from recruiters
- First notification of new job postings
- Faster results with the hiring process



# RESUME

## **Counselors Assist With Resume Writing!**

- **Specific Keywords**
  - View the job listing in question and look for words that are consistent throughout the description
- **Formatting**
  - The ability to pass an ATS (Applicant Tracking System)
- **Past experience reflects the Job Description of the position you are applying for**



# RETENTION SUPPORT

## Ongoing Counselor Relationship

- Guide Our Clients Through Duration of Program
- Accommodation Suggestions
- Help Set and Meet Financial Goal
- Continuing Career Advancement
- Referral for Help With Benefit Questions
- Moral Support

# Working From Home

## Work From Home Requirements



# TECHNOLOGY

## Common Technology Requirements

Varies By Employer:

- PC or Laptop
- No tablets, cell phones, All-In-One, or chromebooks
- DSL or Cable Internet only
- No Wifi or Satellite
- A Landline or VOIP Telephone
- Webcams may be necessary





# MINIMUM COMPUTER SKILLS REQUIRED

- Typing Speed
  - Minimum 35 Words per Minute
- Knowledgeable With Basic Computer Skills
  - Cut, paste, and copy
  - Microsoft Office Suite
  - Navigate multiple browser tabs
  - Internet Research
- Familiar With Technical Terminology
  - Abbreviations/Keyboard shortcuts



# MINIMUM STRENGTHS & SKILLS

- Excellent Customer Service
- Empathy and Good Listener
- Friendly & Professional Communication
- Problem-Solving Skills
- Patience
- Independent
- Time Management Abilities





# HOME OFFICE SETUP

- Quiet, Private Workplace is Mandatory
  - Office with a locked door
  - No background noise
- Comfortable Working Environment
  - Supportive chair or adjustable desk
  - Ergonomic keyboard
  - Personalize your office space
- Good Lighting
- All Equipment Must Be Hard Wired
  - Including a mouse and keyboard



# Growth Within Remote Jobs

- Work at Home companies are expanding and creating new types of opportunities!
  - Accounting
  - Healthcare
  - IT
  - Insurance
  - Marketing
- Many employers are changing their business model
- Cost effective to hire remote employees

**An AT&T study found the hybrid work model is expected to grow from 42% in 2021 to 81% in 2024**



# WORK AT HOME JOBS & INDUSTRIES

## What Type Of Work Is Available?

- Customer Service Representative
- Technical Support
- Sales
- Reservationist and Appointment Setters
- Virtual Receptionist and some Clerical

## What Type Of Industries?

- Cell Phone
- Internet Service Providers
- Retail
- Travel
- Healthcare



# ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## **Advancement Is Possible With Experience and/or Education**

- Start in an entry level position to build experience
- Upward mobility is possible...
- Management level positions require remote experience
- Examples:  
Team Lead, High Level IT, Marketing, Project Manager



# ONBOARDING PROCESS

- Background Checks
- Credit Checks
- Drug Testing May Be Required
- New Hire Paperwork





# You Can Do This!!

- Remember - Returning to work takes time, patience and energy!
- The Ticket to Work Program works!
- MEO has the knowledge, support, and all the encouragement in the world to give you!





# Success Stories

- **150** clients have graduated from our program
  - Became Completely Self-Sufficient!
- We had 459 job placements in 2022
- My SSA Ticket to Work Success Story  
<https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/lisa-success-story>
- Lori Adler - Communications Manager - Story  
<https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/lori-success-story>

# How We Can Help

If you receive SSDI/SSI disability and you are not a current client, and want to find out if Employment Options can help you:



**It's Easy! Apply Online 24/7@**  
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**Click 'APPLY NOW' at the top**  
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# Other Resources

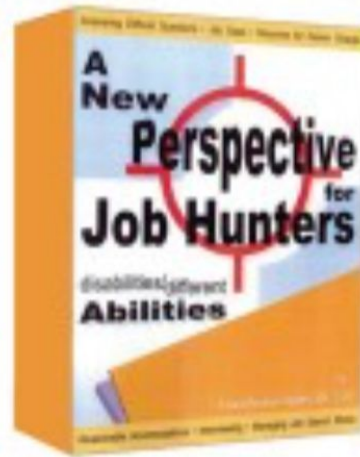
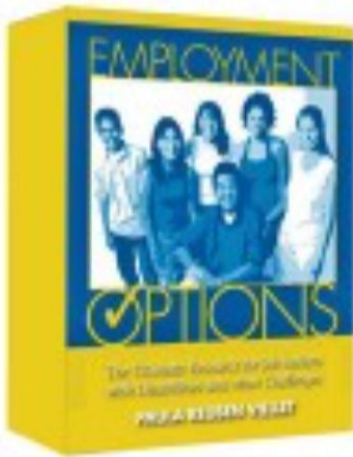
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**Additional Questions?**  
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# Resources



***EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS: The Ultimate Resource for Job Seekers with Disabilities and other Challenges***

by Paula Reuben Vieillet, MA, CVE

<https://www.myemploymentoptions.com/resources/>

Order through our website or Inquire about these resources at your local library

## Additional Resource

- **MEO** Staffing, our newest sister company, is a diversity staffing agency!
- It helps job seekers who have an employment challenge or disability but who *Do Not* receive SSDI or SSI and know their career path and goals.
- **MEO** Staffing also partners with employers to help them hire a more diverse and inclusive workforce.

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# **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS!**

We will now address some of the questions we received from you!



# Questions and Answers

## **Q: Yadira From TX Asks:**

Are these type of jobs short or long term?

Is training provided, depending on the type of job it is?

**A:** There is a combination of temporary and permanent opportunities. Training will be provided on software, policies and procedures.





# Questions and Answers

**Q: Lamont From WI Wanted to Know:**  
Can I get employment with felonies on my record?

**A:** Depends on the felony. Virtual companies will be checking for anything involving theft, burglary, fraud, or violent crimes.



# Questions and Answers

**Q: Sandy From IL Asks:**

Could someone really hire me knowing openly that I have been diagnosed with a mental illness?

**A:** Depends on the employer. There is no real beneficial reason to disclose that you have a disability.

# Thank You!

Thank you for attending our webinar!

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